Collated.

June 24th 1839.

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Examination of Mr Demitry from 24th June to the 25th inclusively

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Mr Dimetry was sworn Examined by Mr Slidell.

He says he is an accountant, has been in the dry good business four Years, That he has taught Book Keeping when he was only Sixteen years Old, he is now 28 Years Old

I have had substantially the control of the affairs of Mr Forstall, the Treasurer's Office while I was his Clerk

From the first of January 1839 Mr Forstall usually comes to his Office every day except Sundays. He comes at about a quarter before 10 in the morning & remains until about half past 1 or a quarter of 2 P.M.

Being asked whether Mr Forstall is or is not competent to the duties of the Office of Treasurer.

Answers: That being a Clerk he does not think that he should decide upon the competency of the officers over him & declines answering

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Quest. Was there any other reason for tearing the leaf out of the Weighing-book than the desire of having a clean or fair book.

Ans. The only reason was to have a clean & fair book to hand to the new Clerk

Quest. Was this leaf torn out without the authority of the Treasurer or Superintendent?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. Why was no date kept in the weighing book of the delivery of Bullion to the Melter & Refiner?

Ans. I followed precedents, it had never been done.

Quest. Are there in the Treasurer's Office any contemporaneous record of the delivery of the Cases deposite to the Melter & Refiner?

Ans. None detailed, but the general usage of the Mint, which has been followed according to the Melter's directions.

Quest. What were the original figures on the left hand side of the Column in the Weighing book on which the figures

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183,,50 are written?

Ans. I am inclined to believe that they were 86 & when weighed found to be 173.50. before melting

Quest. What were the exact figures written in the said column at the time when the bullion was received?

Ans. I am inclined to believe 86.

Quest. Did not this same place once contain the figures 176.50?

Ans. No. It appears that there were an 8 & a 6 before, now there is over the 8 a 7 & over the 6 a 3 & it now reads 173,,50.

Quest. What do these figures 173.50 written over an erasure denote?

Ans. The weight of the Casas deposite before melting.

Question. When were these changes made in these figures?

Ans. Upon weighing them.

Question. Why were the figures 86 originally put down as the weight of the Casas deposites?

Ans. If it was 86 (which

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I presume from their being in my own hand writing because persons were in the habit of depositing only $100 which were taken at the average of 86,50 without being weighed, but perceiving by the bulk that it must have been more, I weighed it & found it to be 173,50$.

Question. From the appearance of the Casas deposite could you suppose that it was only $100?

Ans. It was from the appearance that I supposed it to be more.

Being asked if he has any clear & distinct recollection of how the figures 86,50 were put down.

Ans. I have not, except from analogy.

Quest. Did you ever make any entries in the weighing book without either counting or weighing?

Ans. All the small reserved deposites were entered without being weighed & then counted by the porter

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for the purpose of being verified.

Quest. Were the figures of small deposites sometimes entered before being counted or being weighed?

Ans. The small deposites on the torn leaf were entered before being either counted or weighed. The reason for this was to ascertain the priority of right of the depositors to receive their small change.

Quest. What is the meaning of the words "when received" in the caption of the register of Silver Bullion?

Ans. It signifies the date of the assayer's Certificate.

Do you consider the weighing book as a record of the Treasurer's office?
Ans. So far as it would show the loss in melting & to fill up the caption of the assayer's certificate

Quest. If the weighing book had disappeared from the Mint on the 16th of April 1839 would there have existed in the Mint any record of the Casas deposite?

Ans There would have been no other way of verifying it, but Casas receipt.

Quest. In whose writing, on the torn leaf, are the figures

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183„50, indicating the Casas deposite?

Ans. In my own.

Quest. What do these figures 183„50, of the Damien Casas deposite in the weighing book denote?

Ans. The weight after melting & before assay.

Quest. When were these figures put there?

Ans. On the 16th of April.

Quest. How do you know they were put there on the 16th of April?

Ans. Because I sent this deposite to the Melter & it was returned to me melted on the same day.

Quest. When did you hand this Bullion to the assayer to be assayed?

Ans. I can not tell without reference to the Certificates; the Caption of the certificate was filled up by me before delivery to the assayer.

~~Quest.~~ The report of the assayer being exhibited to witness he says that it was

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on the 18th. day of April 1839 delivered to him.

Quest. Why was not the Casas Bullion handed to Dr. Hort on the 16th. of April?

Ans. Bullion has never been aſsayed on the day of deposite except on one or two occasions.

Quest. Why was not the date of this deposite, the Name of the depositor, the description & number of Bullion & the weight after melting filled up by you upon a blank aſsayer's report on the 16th. of April.

Ans. I cannot say whether these items were filled up on the blank aſsayers report on the 16th of April but it was certainly not later than the 18th; because it is the upper date of the Certificate.

Quest. Whether at the time when the Casas Bullion was returned, after melting before assay by the Melter & Refiner to You any discussion took place as to an exceſs of weight between you & the Melter & Refiner?

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Answer. No.

Question. Did you observe at the time of receiving said Bullion after Melting that you had put down the weight upon deposite at 173.50 & that the weight after melting gave 183.50oz.

Ans. As soon as I had an opportunity I remarked it to the Melter and Refiner; If not on the same day it was the next, and thought that I had made a mistake. I mentioned it again on the 20th to the Melter & Refiner.

Quest. Who delivered that Bullion to you after melting?

Ans. I do not recollect.

Quest. Is it your custom to way Bullion as soon as it comes back from the Melter's Office?

Ans. Yes.

Quest. What is done with this bullion after melting as soon as it is weighed by you?

Ans. I put it into the Vault

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Question. Had you on the 16th of April any assistant in the Weighers Office?

Ans. At that time none other than Mr. Ducoin the porter but I cannot positively say whether he was present, though about the Office.

Quest. What conversations took place on the 16th, 17th or 18th of April between you & Mr. Maxwell in relation to this excess of weight of Casas' deposite?

Ans. Mr. Maxwell paid no attention to my remarks stated above as to such excess.

Quest. Did you ever at any time have any definite discussion with him on the subject of this deposite, & if so, when?

Ans. I have no perfect recollection, but supposed that it was about the 22d or 23d of April.

Quest. Did you satisfy yourself before the 20th of April that the error as to weight of this deposite was your own?

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Ans. No. I have become satisfied since, that there was no error on my part.

Quest. Were you so satisfied that there was no error on your part on the 22d. of April?

Ans. No.

Quest. Did you make the payment to Casas yourself, or was it made under your direction?

Ans. It was made by the Porter under my Direction.

Quest. Was the receipt of April 16th. in favour of Casas filled up by you in your own hand writing

Ans. Yes.

Quest. By whom was it signed?

Ans. It was signed by myself, the signature was torn off, which is always done, or the receipt destroyed on the delivery of the Certificate.

Quest. What is the meaning of the entry on the Weighing book - at the Casas' deposite of the words "paid in small change (Turn over)

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And when was that entry made?

Ans. It was a memorandum made by me to know the amount of small change in the Vault to guide me in the promises to depositors and was I believe, made on the 20th of April.

Quest. Is the filling up of the Mint Certificate in favour of Casas in Your hand-writing

Ans. Yes

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Quest. When was this certificate issued to Casas & when was it returned by him?

Ans. The issue & return by him, Casas endorsed were simultaneous, & the payment of the $212,31 to Casas was also simultaneous.

Quest. Why did you pay $212,31 to Casas when he only held & produced a receipt for 173 oz?

Ans. The standard is calculated from the gross weight after melting, & not before, & the value, from such standard.

Quest. Were you not aware of the fact

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that Mexican Dollars usually range at about the same standard?

Ans. There is great uniformity in Mexican Dollars.

Quest. Did Casas demand more than $200?

Ans. I believe he received the money from the porter without counting it.

Quest. Why did you pay to Casas an excess over the original receipt given to him without a demand of such excess by him & before you had satisfied yourself on the subject of the discrepancy of the weight before & the weight after melting then appearing on the weighing book.

Ans. The actual weight after melting was 183.50 & the calculations are made from the gross weight after melting & not before.

Quest. Did you before the payment report this discrepancy either to the Treasurer or to the Superintendent

Ans. No.

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Quest. Had the Superintendent ever before this period intimated to you any suspicion of dishonesty on the part of Mr. Maxwell?

Ans. I believe not.

Quest. Did you make the entry of the Casas deposited in the register of Silver Bullion, & if so at about what time?

Ans. I made it myself on the 18th. of April 1839.

Quest. Are you sure you made it on that day?

Ans. I think so because as soon as I receive the assayer's report I verify the calculations & I am in the habit of making the entries in the register of silver Bullion.

Quest. After the deposite of Casas was assayed, what did you do with it?

Ans. I do not recollect precisely but it must have been returned to the Melter the same day, or the day after. It is only since this investigation that the Melter & Refiner has refused to receive small deliveries

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Quest. Have You any record made at the time either in the Treasurers Office or in your possession of the delivery of this Bullion after assay to the Melter and Refiner?

Ans. The directions of the Melter & Refinier were to charge him monthly with all the Bullion that came to the Mint.

Quest. Did You make any entry at the time of this delivery to the Melter & Refiner in a weigh-Book?

Ans. I did not. The Melter & Refinier is not charged by the gross weight, he is charged by the standard weight according to the assayers report. the Gross Weight may weigh 100 oz & the Standard 50 oz. This the Clerk can only know from the assayers report.

Quest. Do you recollect whether ~~any change in the way~~ the weights of the Casas deposit still remained in the scales when it returned from the Melter & Refiner's Office?

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Ans. Yes they had not been removed.

Quest. Do You recollect whether any change in the weights, thus remaining in the Scales was neceſsary at the reweighing either by addition or withdrawal.

Ans. An addition was neceſsary.

Being asked whether the Certificate in favour of Casas remained in the book without being cut out before Casas endorsed it.

Answered. It is always left in the Book when the issue & return are simultaneous, as in this case.

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Mr. Dimetry, with reference to the Question put on the 24th Inst "Whether the certificate in favour of Casas remained in the book, without being cut out, before he, Casas, endorsed it" & his answer thereunto, now desires to add the following "I am inclined to believe that it was cut out because he had to wait a considerable time for his change, & had to follow rotation for his turn. There were a great many people in the Office & he had to wait more than an hour.

Examination of Mr. Dimitry Continued by Mr. Slidell.

Mr. Dimitry

Quest. When was the Copy of the torn sheet remade in the weighing book, & by whom?

Ans. Immediately after its being removed, the Copy was remade by Mr. Parker in the Weighing book. It must have been made either on the 20th or 21st.

Quest. Did you give any direction to Mr. Parker as to how he should Copy the entry of the Casas Deposite from the torn sheet.

Ans. I gave him no special directions as to how he was to Copy the Casas deposite

Quest. Will you state how a person copying without special instructions the Casas deposite would most probably

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Copy the figures indicating the weight on deposite & before melting?

Ans. I have seen this paper so often, & have reflected so much upon it, that I do not know what impression it would produce upon a stranger. But if I had copied it myself without ever having seen it or examined it before I would have copied it 173,50 it being my own hand writing.

Quest. Why did you not specially instruct Mr. Parker as to copying this particular entry?

Ans. I never dreamed that it would have been a subject of litigation; I never suspected that any thing of the kind would happen in an institution of this sort.

Quest. Did not Mr. Parker Copy this weight on deposite & before melting as 183,50.

Ans. Such is the fact but I only knew the fact within a few days upon examining

examining the book.

Examined on behalf of Mr. Bradford.

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I have heard the testimony of Mr. Casas. The porter invariably counts the money when small deposites are paid

Quest. How are dimes put up generally, when they are required in payment of small deposites; if in parcels, to what amount?

Ans. When put up in parcels, they are put up in five or ten dollar packages. The packages are not marked. They are put up in small packages for the convenience of the Office, for small amounts of change; when large amounts are put up in packages, it is done by the porter in his leisure hours, for which he receives a retribution from the Depositors; he generally receives 1 p.ct. A gentleman from Mobile on one occasion gave more. By large amounts I mean 1 Thousand Dollars & upwards. The putting up in packages for large depositors is never done except by specials

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request. It is an arrangement between the depositor & Porter with which the Office is not connected.

I have never known an instance of a fraction in a package of $10. Where a fraction is necessary it is paid in loose change.

The money paid to Casas was counted by the Porter Mr. Ducoin. I weighed the deposite when it was brought to the Mint, I allude to the Deposite of the 16th of April.

I made no remark to the depositor when it was weighed as to whether he would gain or lose nor did any one else belonging to the Office do so within my hearing.

I do not recollect whether any fractional sum was paid to Casas.

Witness recollects a letter now exhibited to him addressed by the Superintendent to Mr. Spofford the Weigh-master & Clerk, dated 14th. of January 1839.

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Mr. Spafford did not follow in any respect the directions contained in that letter.

Mr. Spafford told me that the Superintendent had nothing to do with him

After Mr. Spafford left I copied all the assayers reports & presented them to Mr. Maxwell who told me that he did not stand in need of them. The only reason he had to complain of them was that he did not like Mr. Emile Lassère, a former Clerk in the Office.

I did not follow myself, the order directing that the Melter & Refiner be supplied with the assayer's reports; Mr. Maxwell was in the habit of coming to the Office himself & examining them

At that time Mr. Maxwell told me that we would understand each other very well & that we would have no difficulty.

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This intimation & the free access that Mr. Maxwell had to the reports occasioned my not furnishing him with the copies of the reports.

Mr. Maxwell told me that it was not necessary for me to furnish him with the Copies of the assayer's reports.

After Mr. Maxwell had refused to receive the copies of the assayers reports I showed him the originals.

I have seen the book of the Melter & Refiner alluded to in the Superintendents order, directing that the entries made in the Melter & refiner's book be made to correspond with the assayer's reports.

I compared the Melter & Refiner's Book with the register. The entries in the Melter & Refiner's Book were generally in Mr. Maxwell's hand-writing.

I have seen him making

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entitles himself in that book. He had free access to the books, used to make entries in his book from the weighing book & correct them afterwards from the register: such as the entries of silver contained in gold, & vice versa, which cannot be ascertained without the assayers report, & certainly not by the weighing book.

The book in which such entries, as above described, were made, was the book now exhibited lettered "Silver Melters & Refiners Office" & produced on a former occasion.

On examining the book the witness says that it does not exhibit the dates or amounts & daily receipts of bullion by the Melter & Refiner from the Treasurers Office.

It is the only book respecting Silver that I have ever seen in the Melter & Refiners possession

There has been no book kept in the weighers or Treasurer's

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Office showing deliveries of Bullion to Melter & Refiner such as is directed in Mr. Bradfords letter to Spafford of January 14th, 1839.

Often after melting by Melter upon weighing I have found a deficiency beyond the extreme limit of loss. Sometimes upon remarking this to him, he would bring back some parcels of Silver & gold. Such an instance happened on the 15th of March 1839 & a similar one on the 20th of February 1839. The first instance was the one upon which Mr. Maxwell made certain remarks inumerated in my written statements now on file.

The reason why I did not keep a book containing entries of delivery to melter & Refiner as ordered in the Directors letter of 14th January 1839 was that I had never seen any such book.

I found when I came into the Office a memorandum

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book containing deliveries to Coiner from Melter through the Treasurer & vice versa. But it contains no entries of deliveries of bullion received from depositors to Melter & Refiners. While I was in office I continued the entries relating to the Coiner & the others also, as the book had been originally commenced.

Mr. Maxwell never requested me to keep a book containing entries of daily delivery of bullion to Melter from Treasurer. The Casas deposite is entered in Melter & Refiners Books with other entries as follows (see docu=

ounces quality standard

1839. ~~April 22d N. 48 D. Casas 184.50 — 895 — 182.48 (184.40 erased in pencil twice thus)~~ ~~also in~~ pencil, "not received"

=ment No)—

When the Melter receives bullion himself he takes a memorandum of the number from the weighing book. When the bullion is sent to him the number of the deposite is sent along with it.

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When the bullion is melted into bars, it comes back with the number of the deposite stamped on it, & if this formality be neglected I take the Bullion back to the Melter & Refiner & have it so stamped. I do not recollect whether the Casas deposite before assay was received by Melter & Refiner personally or by one of his men. It went out under No. 100 to melter before assay. Very often wrong numbers have been stamped on Bullion in Melter's Office. Confusion has often been produced by misnumbering in Melter's Office.

Assayer has several times come to the weighing room to enquire about such misnumbering, being confused thereby.

I have never known any delays on the part of the assayer in making assays, his practice is to come in the morning at about qr 10 O'clock & get all that is to be assayed

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He has once or twice refused after 2 O'clock, to receive assay pieces.

I have heard the Melter & Refiner charge the assayer with changing the number of his reports. I have heard him do so in the cases of the Tichnor & Casas' deposites & in these cases the alterations were made by myself, that they should correspond with the Copy from the torn leaf with the Corrected book.

I recollect that on the 12th of April last there was a small deposite of 5 oz & 55/100 of German Gold coins which was returned weighing 7 oz it was taken back & brought back weighing 5 oz & 70/100. I reported it to the Superintendent. I do not now recollect what was then said by the Superintendent. I mentioned it again on or about the 16th of April; there were some remarks made by the Superintendent which I do not recollect, but I remember that he said there was not sufficient proof

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to provoke an investigation as we were alone; but the general remarks of the Superintendent tended to cast a doubt on Mr. Maxwell's honesty. The Bullion when returned after assay was found to be ~~23,000,000~~ 23 m. below the usual quality of such Coins, of which numerous deposites had been made.

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Examined on behalf of Mr. Maxwell.

I took no record of the weight of said gold when returned for the first time by the Melter & Refiner because the discrepancy was so great that I thought it proper to return it to him.

The bar was cracked in numbering at the Melter's Office & was brought back in two pieces. I say it was cracked in numbering because Mr. Maxwell told me so at the time.

It was returned because it exceeded the original weight. it was taken by the Melter & brought back in a single bar

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Quest. Was not the difference in weight equivalent to the loss in quality?

Ans. I did not calculate it & never knew before that, alloy was added before assay.

There is now a suit pending against Mr. Maxwell for Slander brought by me, because Mr. Maxwell charged me with fraud in the Case of the Casas Deposite.

As far as the eye of the assayer's assistant can go the assay pieces taken off are similar.

Being asked how the numbering by the Melter & Refiner could confuse the Clerk or assayer.

Answers. On one occasion there were two different numbers marked on Bullion, the result after assay was the same, the Melter told me that it was the same melt, that he did it to try the assayer. In the Melters Bullion to the assayer it is sometimes numbered, & sometimes not. I remember four or five cases when it was not numbered.

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An extreme case being called for where bullion was short after melting.

The witness states: There are eleven ounces of silver below the extreme limit allowed by law in the Case of Robert Slaughter on the 15th of March.

Another Case of French ~~Crotons~~ five Franc pieces 4808 36/100 oz on the 20th of March deposited by the Atchafalaya Banking Company in which there was beyond the extreme limit a loss of 8 oz 10/100.

Except in Kelly's case the Bullion never exceeded after Melting the original weight

Quest. Are there not recorded in the same page in the Melter & Refiner's Book two other deposites with the Cases deposite which were not delivered to him the Melter & Refiner for Melting either before or after assay; & were they not received from the depositors by you on the same day with the Cases deposite.?

Ans. There are recorded on the

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same payed two small deposites for change each of $100, which were reserved for a full melt. I refer to the Copy of the sheet annexed for the particulars.

I never have had in my possession a Copy of the letter of Mr. Bradford to Spafford of 14th January 1839; But at the time said letter was written at Mr. Bradfords request I collated the Copy now on file with the Original, & believe said Copy to be correct.

Quest. How could Mr. Parker know what entries from the torn sheet were to be entered on the corrected Book without your particular instructions?

Ans. I refer to my former answer on the same subject.

Quest. Were there four entries on the torn sheet not copied into the book anew, & if so omitted was it by your order?

Ans. They were so omitted by my order, I ordered Mr. Parker not to Copy those that were crossed.

Quest. How many payments to depositors were made

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at the Mint on the 20th of April

Ans. Three.

Quest. Did you compare the Copy from the torn sheet into the book with the torn sheet before the torn sheet was discarded?

Ans. I do not recollect.

Quest. Did you search for & find the torn sheet after Mr. Maxwell discovered its absence & if so where did you find it & in what condition?

Ans. I did not, & I did not hear Mr. Maxwell make such complaint. Mr. Parker found the pieces in the fire-place

Examined by Mr. Slidell

Being asked what record is kept of Mint certificates issued from this Mint.

Answers. The records kept on the Certificate book & the memoranda in the registers of Gold & Silver Bullion. These Memoranda in the Registers are in pencil by the words "Certificate issued" without detail of dates or other particulars

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Being asked why there is no record in the margin of the Certificate register of certificates Nos. 104 & 105 next following the Casas Certificate, & which certificates Nos. 104 & 105 have been taken from said book.

Answer. It was the intention to have an average of the reserved small deposites & to issue a certificate for each of them. This was not done.

Being asked what has become of certificates 104 & 105, to whom were they issued for what amount & when.

Answer. They have never been issued.

Quest. Why were they cut out of the book if not issued.

Ans. To avoid the inconvenience of leaving a leaf.

Quest. Why are the words "after melting" omitted in the weighing book under Casas' name, & what is the meaning of those words used in the weighing book.

Ans. The words "after melting"

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are put there to fill up the lines; I cannot give any particular reason for the omission in Casas' name. In one instance, as in the Case of Guérin 11th of April 1839 although the words "after melting" appear under Guérin's name yet his deposite was never melted.

Quest. Are not the words after melting written in the weighing book under depositor's name in at least nine cases out of ten.

Ans. Yes.

Being asked why the words "paid in small change" written under Casas' name do not appear in any other anterior entry in the weigh book as it now stands?

Ans. The same entry appears in the torn sheet under Topham's name & Lacroix's. The words were merely put as a guide to know what small change there was in the Vault. No such memoranda of "paid in small change" was ever made in the weigh book before the 16th or after

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the 17th of April 1839. There was no necessity of such entry as there had been no promises of small change before the 16th of April 1839.

When the coin was taken out to pay Casas where was the entry of payment made. Ans There is no cash book kept for Bullion account. This Branch Mint does not purchase Bullion. The payment of certificates is entered on the register; at the moment a payment is made it is entered on the Bullion register, but no entry of payment is made any where else on the same day. And if Casas had been paid by a check on the Bank and not in small coin the same entry would have been made & in the same book?

Quest Are all the entries in the Journal so far as concern your own acts true? Ans. Yes.

Look at the entry in the bullion Journal in the

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bullion journal in the following words under date January 31st 1839 "Melter & Refiner his a/c of Silver delivered to him in pursuance of a warrant No. 7 – 940 11/100.

Was ever such a warrant issued and delivered to Mr Maxwell & was the entry made by you?

Ans. The entry was made by me & the warrant issued, but never was received by Mr. Maxwell nor has the Treasurer ever received Mr Maxwells warrant. The warrant was filled up after the settlement of January some time in February, 1839.

It is expected that the officer should come to the office for his warrant; it being necessary that they should be examined. Maxwell has applied often for his warrants but never came to the office to get them. He applied personally, except on one occasion he did so in writing. Mr. Maxwell was notified in writing twice this investigation when he applied in writing, that his warrants were ready for inspection.

Questioned by Mr. Bradford

The endorsement on the back of the warrant is a receipt and Mr. Maxwell has been in possession of the Bullion without giving such receipt.

Mr. Dimetry

Questions on behalf of Mr. Maxwell

What means had Mr. Maxwell for calculating the amount of unmelted coin in the Treasurer's Vault when the difficulty about the Casas Deposits occurred?

Ans. Mr Maxwell had free access to all the books I do not know if he had other means.

Quest. What was the amount found to be on hand?

Ans. ~~The~~ $1300.

Quest. Will you produce the book and point the entries that they may be here

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Ans. The entries are as follows

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April	14th.	Wm. Topham	$100.—
"	"	J. Lacroix	" 100.—
"	"	Gustave Guérin	" 100.—
"	17.	J. Villazubeá	100.—
"	18	Alex. Fournier	200.—
"	"	J. Merle	200.—
"	19	C. Ravin	100.—
"	"	Allum & Taviaux	100.—
"	22	John Lockett	100.—
"	"	G. Gelpi	200.—
			1300.—

Quest. Were not the payments for small parcels of coin which were received & reserved until they amounted to a sufficiency for a melt considered final?

Ans. Yes, Generally by all parties; and change has sometimes been given out for paper money.

Quest. Please point out the errors if any in the original weighers Book which induced the crossing of the entries thereon?

Ans. I do not consider the weighers book as belonging to the Treasurer's office.

1st Because it was not one of the Books sent out from Philadelphia.

2d. Because Mr. Bradford told me it was copied by Mr. Lilly from Mr. Maxwell's own statements

3d. Because the book begins in March & was bought in July 1838. The errors in the original weighers' book were that the balance struck June 29th 1838 & for which the Melter & Refiner received a warrant, to wit: for 209799.59 oz was erroneous & was a much larger sum than had been received at the Mint. This is the only error that I know of in said original weighers' book. The settlement as exhibited there in was a true statement of what took place at said time as I presume, though not then in the office.

#Question Quest. Have the accounts opened between the Melter & Refiner & the Treasurer, also between the Treasurer & the

#What is the meaning of the lettering "Weighers book" if it had been determined to change it from the Weigher's book to a mere copy book of the Treasurer's Office?

Ans. I don't know why the book was lettered "Weigher's book."

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coiner. been opened in any book, if so in what book & when?

Ans. In the warrant books & journal. And a new Ledger has been bought for the purpose but their accounts are not yet therein opened. Said Ledger was purchased about two months ago.

By opening an account I mean entries showing debits & credits & I do not consider in book keeping phrase the accounts of said Officers could be considered as opened in the warrant book & journal &c.

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Quest. Was the money from which the ordinary expenses of the New-Orleans Branch Mint were paid being kept seperate from that received in exchange for small coin

Ans. It has not been kept seperate.

Quest. Do you know who prepared for his signature the Treasurer's letter of the 16th of February 1839.

Ans. I must have written it myself; I drafted the

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letter from the Ideas given by the Treasurer,

Quest. Did Mr. Bradford or Dr. Hort take any part or assist in framing or revising that letter?

Ans. Mr. Bradford did not; Dr. Hort did give some Ideas about it – but I do not recollect what.

I do not recollect ever having stated that Casas' deposite weighed the same when it returned from the Melter before assay as when first weighed before delivery on melting.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Testimony given by Mr Dimitry before Thos Slidell Esq the Commissioner on the 24th & 25th of June 1839.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name & affixed the impress of my seal of office, on this 6th of August 1839. New Orleans.

Horatio Davis
Notary